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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Prior to the examination of the above-identified patent application, please enter the following amendments and consider the following remarks.

AMENDMENTS

IN THE CLAIMS:

Replace claims 1-9, as amended in the International Preliminary Examination Report, with the following:

1. (Amended) A strip of flexible thermoplastic elastomer material of open-cell foramed form having a first, thin closed-cell covering thereover, characterised by a second thin covering on the outside of the first covering, the second covering presenting an outwardly facing surface having a lower coefficient of friction than the first covering.

2. (Amended) A strip according to claim 1, in which the second covering is made of plastic or rubber material.